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SUBJECT: THE REPUBLICA CONTINUES TO APPEAR IN FRANCE

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SUMMARY. THE QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS (QP) HAS CONTINUED TO PUBLISH ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS WRITTEN BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE REPUBLICA. FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) CHARGES THAT THE QP/REPUBLICA PUBLICATION IS A CONCEALED COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ATTACK BY PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS (PSP) ON THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) HAVE BEEN VOCIFEROUS, BUT THE PCF'S REAL TARGET IS THE SO-CALLED "SECRET MOSCOW DOCUMENT." THE # IS AROUSING CONSIDERABLE PRESS COMMENT, PARTICULARLY

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SINCE IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION,

WHICH WAS DENOUNCED AS A FORGERY BY THE PCF, WAS  
PUBLISHED IN AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MAGAZINE PRINTED IN  
PRAGUE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE QP/REPUBLICA: ON JUNE 23 THE QP/REPUBLICA  
PUBLISHED A DOCUMENT PURPORTEDLY EMANATING FROM MOSCOW  
IN WHICH WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE GIVEN GUIDANCE  
ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THEIR BOURGEOIS OPPONENTS." THE  
TACTICS SUGGESTED WERE THOSE WHICH THE PCP HAS BEEN  
USING IN ITS STRUGGLES WITH THE PSP. ON JUNE 24 THE  
QP GAVE ITS BACK PAGE TO THE REPUBLICA, WHICH USED IT  
TO DISCUSS PORTUGAL'S EMBATTLED WEEKLY "GAZETA DO SUL"  
AND TO CONTINUE ITS ANTI-CENSORSHIP CAMPAIGN. JUNE  
25TH SAW THE REPUBLICA PAGE AGAIN ATTACKING THE PCP  
FOR ITS ATTEMPTS TO SILENCE THE SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER.

2) THE PCP REACTION: L'HUMANITE, THE PCP DAILY, HAS  
DENOUNCED THE QP/REPUBLICA AS A CLASSIC ANTI-  
COMMUNIST, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY EFFORT, BUT THE MAIN  
THRUST OF ITS ATTACK HAS BEEN AGAINST THE "MOSCOW  
DOCUMENT". PCF LEADER PAUL LAURENT CALLED ON QP  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PHILIPPE TESSON TO "EXAMINE THE PROOFS"  
OF THE DOCUMENT'S AUTHENTICITY; TESSON RESPONDED THAT  
THE QP HAD SIMPLY GIVEN SPACE TO THE REPUBLICA AND  
HAD NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING THE REPUBLICA EDITORS'  
COPY TO ANY VERIFICATION. LAURENT PROMPTLY LABELLED  
THE DOCUMENT AS FALSE.

3) "THE MOSCOW DOCUMENT": MASS CIRCULATION DAILY FRANCE-  
SOIR, FOLLOWED BY AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, OTHER WIRE  
SERVICES AND THE QP ITSELF, HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE  
ALLEGEDLY SECRET "MOSCOW DOCUMENT" WAS IN FACT AN  
ARTICLE SIGNED BY BORIS PONOMAREV WHICH APPEARED IN  
THE JUNE, 1974 ENGLISH EDITION OF THE WORLD MARXIST  
REVIEW (KNOWN IN FRENCH AS THE NOUVELLE REVUE INTERNA-  
TIONALE). THE ARTICLE IS SAID TO HAVE APPEARED ONLY IN  
THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE. LE  
MONDE'S ALAIN CLEMENT HAS TOLD EMBASSY PRESSATT THAT  
HIS NEWSPAPER IS IN POSSESSION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
TEXT AND IS PLANNING AN EXTENSIVE PIECE FOR THE NEXT  
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EDITION OF THE PAPER (FRENCH NEWSPAPERS WILL BE ON STRIKE  
ON JUNE 26).

4) COMMENT AND CONCLUSION: IF THE STORY OF THE "MOSCOW  
DOCUMENT'S " ORIGINS IS PROVEN, AS NOW SEEMS LIKELY,  
THE EFFECT WILL BE TO EMBARRASS THE PCF WHICH RUSHED  
TO DENOUNCE THE QP/REPUBLICA'S EXTRACTS FROM IT AS A  
FORGERY AND DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH GUIDELINES FOR

THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES. "THE PCF," ONE JOURNALIST SAID, "HAS BEEN HAD -- AND THAT'S HARD TO FORGIVE IN FRENCH POLITICS."

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